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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Sections 56475.1, 59008, 59104, and 59205 to the Education Code, to add Section 2054.2 to the Penal Code, and to add Section 1120.3 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 855, Dutra. State special schools and other educational programs: teacher compensation.

Existing law establishes the California School for the Deaf and the California School for the Blind, known as the state special schools. Existing law also authorizes the Director of Corrections to establish and maintain classes for inmates by utilizing personnel of the Department of Corrections, or by entering into an agreement with the governing board of a school district or private school or the governing boards of school districts under which the district maintains classes, for those inmates. Existing law establishes, within the Department of the Youth Authority, a correctional education authority for the purpose of carrying out the education and training of wards committed to the youth authority, and prescribes the course of study for those wards.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Directors of the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the Department of the Youth Authority, among others, to develop written interagency agreements, or to adopt joint regulations that include fiscal responsibilities for the provision of special education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs.

Existing law provides that the State Department of Education shall fix the compensation of officers, teachers, and employees of the state special schools.

This bill would require salaries paid to teachers, teacher specialists, and administrators, as defined, employed by state special schools, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, a school district to teach in certain diagnostic centers, the Director of Corrections to teach those classes, or by the



correctional education authority within the Department of the Youth Authority, to be no less than the salaries of other public school teachers, teacher specialists, and administrators employed by school districts, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 56475.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

56475.1. Salaries paid to teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, and the Department of Rehabilitation, and who provide educational and other related services shall be no less than the salaries paid to other teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district within whose boundaries those services are provided. For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.

SEC. 2. Section 59008 is added to the Education Code, to read:

59008. (a) Salaries paid to special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by a California School for the Deaf shall be no less than the salaries paid to other special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district that contains that California School for the Deaf within its boundaries.

(b) Salaries paid to administrators employed by a California School for the Deaf shall be no less than the salaries paid to other administrators who are employed by the school district that contains that California School for the Deaf within its boundaries.

(c) For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” or “administrators” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.



SEC. 3. Section 59104 is added to the Education Code, to read:

59104. (a) Salaries paid to special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the California School for the Blind shall be no less than the salaries paid to other special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district that contains that California School for the Blind within its boundaries.

(b) Salaries paid to administrators employed by the California School for the Blind shall be no less than the salaries paid to other administrators who are employed by the school district that contains that California School for the Blind within its boundaries.

(c) For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” or “administrators” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.

SEC. 4. Section 59205 is added to the Education Code, to read:

59205. (a) Salaries paid to special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by either the Diagnostic Center, northern California; the Diagnostic Center, central California; or the Diagnostic Center, southern California shall be no less than the salaries paid to other special education teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district that contains that diagnostic center.

(b) Salaries paid to administrators employed by either the Diagnostic Center, northern California; the Diagnostic Center, central California; or the Diagnostic Center, southern California shall be no less than the salaries paid to administrators who are employed by the school district that contains that diagnostic center.

(c) For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” or “administrators” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.

SEC. 5. Section 2054.2 is added to the Penal Code, to read:



2054.2. (a) Salaries paid to teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the Department of Corrections to teach in a state correctional facility shall be no less than the salaries paid to other teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district that contains that state correctional facility and who teach similar academic subjects.

(b) Salaries paid to administrators who are employed by the Department of Corrections to administer educational programs at a state correctional facility shall be no less than the salaries paid to other administrators who are employed by the school district that contains that state correctional facility.

(c) For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” or “administrators” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.

SEC. 6. Section 1120.3 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

1120.3. (a) Salaries paid to teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the Department of the Youth Authority to teach in a state youth authority shall be no less than the salaries paid to other teachers and teacher specialists who are employed by the school district that contains that state youth authority and who teach similar academic subjects.

(b) Salaries paid to administrators who are employed by the Department of the Youth Authority to administer educational programs at a state youth authority shall be no less than the salaries paid to other administrators who are employed by the school district that contains that state youth authority.

(c) For purposes of this section, “teachers” or “teacher specialists” or “administrators” means those individuals who hold the appropriate teaching, service, or teaching and administrative credential, as appropriate, as issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as determined by the employing state agency.



Approved _____, 2001

Governor

